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Malvern Borough Happenings

The Malvern Borough Police Department announces the promotion to the rank of Corporal to Officers Dougherty and Walker. The Mayor, Police Chief, Honorable District Judge Mackenzie Smith, and Borough Council honored the Corporals at their October 4, 2022 Borough Council Meeting. Please refer to the Borough Council October 4, 2022 minutes for a list of the accomplishments and trainings completed by the Corporals.

Congratulations to Corporal Dougherty and Corporal Walker!





Lynne D. Frederick is the newest member to Borough Council. On September 20th 2022, Honorable District Justice Mackenzie W. Smith administered Council Member Frederick's Oath of Office. Welcome to Council Lynne!









Malvern Police Department

WHATS HAPPENING IN MALVERN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT?

Since the beginning of the year, Malvern Borough Police Department has been actively engaged with community events and charity fundraisers. Our officers enjoy taking part in these events as it strengthens our interactions with the residents and visitors. Now that school is open, officers will once again visit St. Patrick's School daily and walk through the halls, meeting with students, parents, and teachers, which allows the students to feel safe and secure within the school environment and meet the Officers, breaking barriers between police and the student. This opportunity also allows students to interact and develop a more personable relationship with officers.

In June, we welcomed Officer Erik Dresden as a new part-time officer. Officer Dresden has been in officer in Chester County for several years and is a welcome addition to our department. In September, Officer Walker and Officer Dougherty were promoted to the rank of Corporal. They will help to lead the department with their advanced training and knowledge.



From left to right: Corporal Dougherty, Judge Mackenzie

Smith, Chief Marcelli, and Corporal Walker

In September, our officers proudly wore blue patches, carried blue handcuffs and adorned blue ribbons on patrol vehicles to raise awareness for prostate cancer. In October, they will switch out blue for pink in support of raising awareness for breast cancer. Some of our officers may have beards, but in October and November, while they take part in Chester County's Blue Beards for Charity, they have to pay to keep them. Blue Beards for Charity benefits many local organization. If you want to donate, please contact our department.



All of our officers, both full time and part-time are required to attend trainings throughout the year. All officers are trained annually by MPOETC (Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission) in order to maintain their certification. In addition to the Legal Updates they receive, MPOTEC also requires mandatory handgun training once a year; however, our officers have mandatory handgun training twice a year. MPOTEC also requires CPR/First Aid every two years, our Chief requires mandatory yearly training. In addition to the mandatory training, our officers have attended recent trainings in De-escalation, Controlled Force Instruction, Basic Collision Investigation, Controlled Tactics, Traffic Law Expert, Field Training Officer course, and Taser Training. Our department also coordinates training exercises with surrounding agencies in simulation training for critical situations. Training with these agencies also reinforces the working relationship we have with other jurisdictions.

Malvern Police Department

Chief Marcelli is also happy to resume our bike patrol units in the coming months. We were able to purchase a new patrol bike, which will replace the twenty-year old bikes that needed costly repairs. Technology and the way we live are drastically changing. We are focused on continuing to adapt to these changes by keeping our technology, equipment, and vehicles updated.



As the holidays quickly approach we want to remind our residents to be diligent, watch your surroundings when out shopping and storing packages in their cars. (Make sure they are not visible). When having packages delivered, try to have them placed in an inconspicuous area, and be sure to keep your security cameras charged.



We are proud to serve the community whom we swore to protect and hope you will call us if the need arises. For emergencies, call 911 and for non-emergencies call 610.647.1440.

Malvern Fire Company

October is Fire Prevention Month

"Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The good news is that the vast majority of these fires are highly preventable. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them."

Carli notes that this year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely. "As the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well."

Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" will include the following:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and "Fire Safety in the Kitchen" along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.



Malvern Fire Company

Malvern Fire Company Members Wanted



The Malvern Fire Company is always looking for many new members to support our mission. We have many different types of membership that we are looking to fill for our community's needs. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call us at 610-647-0693, email us at Info@malvernfireco.com and speak to an officer, or you can even stop by to get the information you are looking for. You do not to be certified to join nor do you need to live within our response area to be a member! We will provide the proper training and equipment that you need.

The first step to joining the department is to submit a membership application and bring it to the fire company during any Tuesday of any month at 7pm. Our station is located at 424 E. King Street, Malvern, PA. When you turn in your application, a background check will be performed which usually takes about thirty (30) days.



Jim Rapp Chief Malvern Fire Co. 610-647-0693 Station

Property Maintenance in Malvern

Winter Weather Season

As the amount of daylight grows shorter, another winter season will be upon us. That means the potential for another season of snow and snow covered sidewalks and walkways. Please remember that after the snow has stopped falling, The **Malvern Borough Code** requires that sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has stopped, the width of the sidewalk. In addition, where icy patches result on sidewalks, be sure to put down salt or some other material that will minimize the chance of someone slipping and falling until the sidewalk is clear and dry. If you have a neighbor who is elderly or unable to clear their sidewalk, perhaps several neighbors could help them out by clearing their sidewalk for them. This will help to ensure that all of the sidewalks in Malvern are passable this winter season. Please also remember that it is unlawful to place the snow from sidewalks into the street.

While you're outside preparing for the winter season, be sure to take a look at your address numbers, to ensure the First Responders can find your house in the event of an emergency. The numbers must be at least 4" high and easily seen from the street.

Malvern Borough Happenings



Did you know that Malvern Borough accumulates over 17-20 tons of trash per week? That comes to almost 960 tons per year! Malvern Residents have their trash picked up twice a week with our current contract, with one bulk item picked up every Friday. Malvern is one of the only local municipalities that still have twice a week pick up since it costs more for additional pickups.

As many of you know, your trash is paid out of your property taxes and that was a locked in price for the past 5 years on our contract with AJ Blosenski. Our contract is up in June 2023, and we have been made aware that our costs will be going up. As administrators in the Borough, we will be working diligently to keep the cost at a reasonable increase and have been looking into cost saving measures to assist in the process. The contract will go out for a bid to local trash services who coincide with our needs here in the Borough along with making adjustments to save money.

Some of the possibilities are, one day a week pickup instead of two, uniform trash containers that can hold more, one contract with a shared fee instead of individual residents obtaining their own trash hauler, etc. Either way, this is not going to be an easy decision. With inflation and the rise in both gas and product, trash haulers are placing their cost increases with their customers. The process for obtaining a new contract will take months.





Malvern Borough Events

Malvern Farmers Market: Every Saturday located at Burke Park from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monster Mash: Saturday, October 29, 2022 located at Burke Park from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Join the Malvern Parks and Recreation Committee for some treats, music, and pumpkin decorating. Wear a costume for a chance to win a prize!



Walking Tour of the Paoli Battlefield: Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The tour will start at the Malvern Arts Building.

Thursday Night Stroll: Gratitude: Thursday, November 17, 2022, hosted by the MBPA

Christmas on King: Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, hosted by the MBPA

Tree Lighting: Saturday, November 26, 2022 located at Burke Park from 4:00 PM to Dark, hosted by the MBPA

Engel & Volkers Go Nuts for Donuts with Santa: Saturday, December 10, 2022 located at 335 E King St. from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Thursday Night Stroll: Sip N' Stroll: Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Join your local business community to help celebrate the holidays. You'll find special sales happening just this evening. Grab a friend and come on out.

Wreaths Across America: Saturday, December 17, 2022 located at the Paoli Battlefield at 11:00 AM. This event will also be livestreamed.

During the whole month of November 2022 merchants will be collecting non-perishable food and used children's books suitable for ages up to 18 years old. Drive culminates on November 17th during our monthly stroll, which is entitled our "Gratitude Stroll". We invite the community to join us to help out our neighbors with extra food and books for our kids.

Malvern Historical Commission

On October 18, 2022, your Historical Commission presented our annual Preservation Awards to five residences and also issued one Chairman's Award. Winners are given a certificate and a plaque to affix to their building's exterior for maintaining their property in such a manner that continues the history of our village.

176 W King St

Now part of Malvern Crossing, this white Second Empire house with mansard roof was built between 1890 and 1895. Early owners and inhabitants included farmer J Darlington Priest and his wife Sallie T Entriken.

304 E Broad St

This late Victorian Masonry single residence was built around 1900. David Evans sold the tract on which the residence was later built to Sarah T. House, his housekeeper, for one dollar, in 1895. The unusual configuration of gables is a local variation, and may be unique to this building.

310 E King St

This modest but elegant late Victorian, Italianate style townhouse was built around 1895. It was once the home of Gillingham's barber shop, one of three barber shops in the Borough. In those days, a resident could get a shave for a dime and a haircut for 15 cents. The building houses apartments today.

319 Monument Ave

Anna Evans Cutler purchased a parcel of land on Monument Avenue in 1923, and a house was built soon after. In the 1930 census Anna & her daughter Nana were listed as living at this address. It is a meticulously maintained Mediterranean Revival style single residence, at its peak of popularity during the 1920s and 1930s.

421 Monument Ave

This Period Revival Era single residence was once the beloved home of Dr. Clifford M Lewis, who moved to Malvern with his wife to set up his private medical practice. He was a physician for 46 years, retiring in 2000. The current homeowner recently had a handsome matching detached garage built in the similar style on the property.

404 Monument Ave

Chairman's Award: The commission chose to honor both the building owners and their tenants for the efforts they each have put forth in keeping the caretaker's house on the Paoli Memorial Grounds. When built, in March 1922, the Daily Local reported: "The new building is a comfortable, modern stone and frame one, of the bungalow type, with

electric light and modern heating appliances." The Paoli Memorial Association has rented out this house for many years, and the current renters have kept good care of the building and its immediate grounds.

Please email us at malvernborohistory@malvern.org to nominate a property for our historic preservation award, or to inquire about our new blankets featuring 9 historic scenes from the Borough. If you haven't pre-ordered your blanket, we will have a few extras to sell!



Shade Tree Commission

In previous issues of the Broadcaster the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Action Committee have listed the many benefits shade trees provide to our everyday life. One of the best ways to protect Malvern's urban forest for future generations is to have in place a strong shade tree ordinance. Below we have listed the main points of our recently revised shade tree ordinance. The shade tree commission welcomes your questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at malvernstc@malvern.org

48-6Requirement to cut or remove.

The Commission may, upon 30 days' written notice, require owners of property to cut or remove trees affected with diseases or any other affliction or condition which the Commission may determine to have detrimental effect upon the health, safety or welfare of the public or which threatens to injure or destroy plants, shrubs or shade trees of the Borough. Upon failure of any such owner to comply with such notice, the Borough may cause the work to be done by the Borough or its contractor and levy and collect the cost thereof from the owner of the property. The cost of such work shall be a lien upon the premises from the time of the commencement of the work, which date shall be fixed by the Codes Enforcement Officer and shall be filed with the Borough Secretary. Any such lien may be collected by a civil action or by lien filed in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of municipal claims.



§ 48-7Permit required; minimum clearance; responsibility to trim trees; treatment of trees.

A. No person shall plant, prune, trim or remove any shade tree on or overhanging the right-of-way of public highways, streets or alleys in the Borough without first making an application to the Code Enforcement Officer and receiving an approved permit.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the property owners to maintain shade trees trimmed to a minimum height over streets and highways to provide a clearance of 13 feet, to keep shade trees trimmed overhanging a public sidewalk to provide a minimum height of eight feet, and to maintain shade trees in a manner that does not block any intersection sight distance, obscure pedestrians about to cross a street, or otherwise interfere with the safety of motorists and pedestrians. The Commission reserves the right to designate higher clearance where conditions make it desirable. (See also § 153-3C, grass and weeds, and Chapter **153**, Article **III**, property maintenance, for prohibitions against other encroachments).

C. No person shall, without first obtaining a permit therefore, cut, break or injure in any manner any shade tree; or cut or interfere in any way with the main roots of any shade tree; or place or secure any rope, guy wire, cable, sign, poster or any other fixture on any shade tree; or cause any substance deleterious to the health of a tree to leak or flow on or into the soil about the base of any shade tree.

§ 48-8Violations and penalties.

A. Any person who shall violate the terms of this chapter or fail to comply with any of the regulations or rules of the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough adopted pursuant to this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a penalty of not more than \$250, and costs of prosecution, for each offense, to be collected as other fines and costs are, by law. Further, any person who causes damage, in any way, to a shade tree, including the removal or destruction of same, shall be responsible for the costs of replacement or repair of the shade tree, at the Borough's discretion. Any penalty or assessment for destruction or damage so assessed shall be a lien upon the real estate of the offender and may be collected as municipal claims are collected. Violations on separate days shall be considered separate violations.

- **B.** Any person found guilty of or liable for violating any ordinance of the Borough shall be assessed court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings.
- **C.** In addition to any other remedies available to the Borough, a person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter may be contacted by a member of the Shade Tree Commission to discuss the violation relative to the intent of the chapter regarding tree removal, replacement or treatment/maintenance. A written notice shall be sent following the initial contact outlining the work to be done and a time limit for completion. Noncompliance with the notice may result in Borough Council or the Borough Manager authorizing the removal, trimming or treatment at the owner's expense.
- **D.** All penalties or assessments imposed under this chapter shall be paid to the Borough Treasurer, to be kept in a separate fund and utilized only for the purposes authorized by this chapter.

Environmental Advisory Council

Malvern Gets Its First Public Rain Garden

On a sunny Saturday morning in September, Malvern residents gathered at the newly improved Quann Park to plant a rain garden. Stormwater management in the park has been a problem for years. The rain garden was installed in the northwestern area of the park to collect stormwater during rain events. The rain garden will play an important role in mitigating downstream pollution because, just downslope of the rain garden, lies Massacre Run, a headwater of Crum Creek.



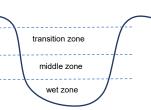


Healthy headwaters are essential to maintain the downstream health of a stream. But headwaters are less resilient to disturbance because the water seeps from the ground and does not provide a continuous flow that would flush the stream and remove sediments that can clog the waterway. Pollutants from land uses adjacent to or upstream of a headwater can create more stressful environmental conditions within the stream by reducing water quality and degrading habitat, which affects sensitive aquatic species.

The Quann Park rain garden will help protect the sensitive headwaters of Massacre Run. The garden will capture the "first flush" of rain that contains the worst pollutants—gasoline, motor oil, heavy metals, trash, lawn fertilizers, and pesticides. The deep-rooted native plants will then filter the pollutants and release the water slowly back into the ground.

The plants in the rain garden were chosen to occupy different zones:

- 1. Wet zone The deepest area of the basin will hold water for the longest period of time.
- 2. Middle zone The area along the slope that will hold water during a rain event but will drain much sooner.
- 3. Transition zone The upper part of the rain garden that will provide a buffer to the non-garden area, which will be saturated only during heavy rains.



During the rain garden event, volunteers helped plant "landscape plugs." Plugs are small-sized seedlings that will flower within the first season. They have a developed root structure that will help control erosion within weeks of planting. Plants were chosen for their color, bloom period, and habitat benefits. Nearly 400 plugs were planted throughout the rain garden.

In addition to the landscape plugs, a seed mix was planted. The mix included over 25 species of native plants. These plants will brighten the rain garden through the seasons and provide food and habitat for pollinators and birds.

The plant list included (listed by zone):

Wet Zone

Soft rush (Juncus effusus) – spring blooming evergreen plant with yellowish flowers Benefit: soil stabilization

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Blue Flag Iris (Iris versicolor) – spring blooming in yellow and blue Benefit: attracts butterflies and hummingbirds

Swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) – summer blooming in rose pink

Benefit: host plant for monarch caterpillars

Middle Zone

Great Blue Lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica) – summer blooming in blue Benefit: attracts pollinators and provides food for hummingbirds

Scarlet Bee Balm (Mondara didyma) – summer blooming in red Benefit: provides food for hummingbirds

Goldenrod 'Fireworks' (Solidago rugosa) – fall blooming in yellow Benefit: attracts pollinators

New England Aster (Aster novae-angliae) – fall blooming in purple Benefit: attracts pollinators and provides seeds for birds

Transition Zone

Wild bergamot (Monarda fistulosa) – summer blooming in purple Benefit: attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

Currently, the rain garden plants are still small though we can expect blooms next year. Eventually, the EAC will provide an educational sign for visitors to Quann Park, so they can learn more about the many benefits of rain gardens. Until then, the rain garden may look like nothing more than a steep hill to the casual passerby.

In this early stage, the rain garden has attracted adventurous bikers who want to test their downhill skills. Though it may be tempting, biking in the rain garden could destroy the tender plants that are still quite vulnerable. For that reason, we need to protect the garden by keeping it people-free. We ask that all visitors admire the garden from the edge.

The EAC hopes residents will visit the rain garden in all its stages of development. It may provide inspiration for addressing stormwater in your own yard. For any resident wanting to install their own rain garden, the EAC can provide additional resources for creating a backyard water-cleansing oasis.

Zoë Warner, PhD

Though in its infancy, the rain garden will eventually be transformed into a lush habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

Environmental Advisory Council

Did you know that Malvern has an ordinance (Chapter 25, Article VI 25-29) in its code regarding Shade Trees that affect the trees on your property?

There are rules, set out by a Malvern Borough ordinance, that protect the trees that are in your yard. These rules are in place not only to maintain the beauty of our borough, but also for multiple environmentally-friendly reasons. These rules are different for the trees in the front and the back of your yards. Basically, you can have trees as you wish in the back of your house. Of course maintaining proper care would benefit you and your neighbor. The front of the house is a bit different.

The ordinance protects trees that have been placed in the **Shade Tree Protection Area**. This area is defined as "the right-of-way (a street or roadway) plus an additional 10 feet on either side of the right-of-way, which includes "open space" and "buffer areas". This encompasses all trees and shrubs that were originally planted as a requirement of an approved plan for subdivision or land development. The Shade Tree Commission is responsible for the ordinance and helps guide property owners on proper planting techniques, information regarding maintenance and procedures around removal and cutting of trees. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) wants to ensure that the Shade Tree ordinance is adhered to so as to maintain an environmentally healthy, balanced and symbiotic land space.

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Basically, you (the land owner) are required to maintain the trees and shrubs that sit close to the roadway in your front yard. If the tree becomes unhealthy or there is another reason it has to be removed, it must be replaced within two planting cycles of its removal with a tree species appropriate for Malvern's climate. There are also very specific rules regarding pruning and maintenance. This has many purposes, but mainly to keep the tree or shrub healthy and to keep it safe in a public space. Our parks, roadways and other public spaces also adhere to these strict standards. Fines can be assessed for failure to adhere to this rule.

When maintaining or planting trees in the front or backyard, consider planting or replacing trees with native species. Native species have a better chance of survival in the Malvern climate, they are less invasive, need less fertilizer, pesticides and water. A few tree options include the Native Pawpaw, Native Persimmon, Red-Osier Dogwood, American Beech and the beautiful Paperbark Maple. A more extensive list can be found at:

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/LandscapingwithNativePlants https://extension.psu.edu/pennsylvania-native-plants-for-the-perennial-garden

The Shade Tree ordinance is important from an environmental perspective. Shade trees provide a habitat for birds and animals. I have a hickory tree in my yard and it is home for many squirrels, birds and a place for my dog to take a nap during a hot day. Shade trees also reduce radiant heat from the sun controlling heat. In fact, a good shade tree can reduce the surrounding air temperature by approximately 6 degrees. Shade trees can help manage and decrease stormwater runoff. The tree roots stabilize the soil and help prevent the ground from washing away in heavy rain storms. Finally, trees reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air. They replace the carbon dioxide with oxygen which is needed for our survival.

One final benefit of trees in our borough is the beauty that they provide during all seasons. Look outside as you travel through Malvern and you notice the changing of colors during the fall, the buds popping during the springtime and the full canopies they display during the summer.

Brian Walker Helise Bichefsky, DO Environmental Advisory Council

Parks and Recreation Committee

Newly Renovated Horace J. Quann Memorial Park

Horace J. Quann Memorial Park is located at First and Warren Avenues, across from the Borough Hall. Promoting active recreation, the 1.6 acre Quann Park supports baseball, basketball, and open space for other outdoor activities. Recently Quann Park underwent a renovation including sidewalk, curbing, a retaining wall, a rain garden to address stormwater management, planting of additional trees, replacement of the steps, and replacement of the fencing around the baseball field. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for late Fall to Welcome the Community. Please check the Borough website regularly for further details.

Keeping Our Parks Clean and Beautiful is Easy!

Our local Borough parks are an important part of our community and while the Malvern Borough Public Works ke eps them clean and maintained, we can use a little help from our residents and park visitors. Helping out is easy!

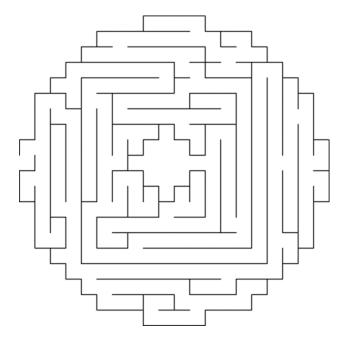
Some ways you can help keep our parks clean and beautiful include: Please do not litter.

Use the trash cans located throughout our parks. Ensure all trash is put directly in containers. If you bring something with you, take it with you when you leave.

Minimizing your own trash. Reduce the amount of waste you bring into our parks by using re-usable containers that you can bring home afterward.

By working together, we can ensure that our parks remain clean and beautiful for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. Thank YOU for doing your part!

Circle Maze



Malvern Business Professional Association

Stay Informed!

Join the MBPA- Sponsored Malvern Insiders text program

Started during the pandemic, twice a month, over 1,000 community members have been kept informed about events happening in Malvern, as well as, opportunities to support local charities. Included in each bi-monthly text is a link to a landing page that lists insider-only limited time discounts available at your local merchants or special events they are hosting.

Don't be left out! Its free and easy to join

Three ways to join:

- 1. Text MALVERN to the 5— digit phone number 55678
- Scan the QR code in the image below and press "send" to send the message it will create
- 3. Click here to be taken to a form you can complete online



In all cases, you will be prompted to confirm your request by replying "YES" to the message you will receive back. At any time, if you change your mind, you can opt out by replying "STOP" to any message you receive.

But to avoid FOMO (Fear of Missing Out), you'll want to join the Malvern Insiders Club.